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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1290

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CFED BC
SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT U.S. DOLLARS

1. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM LOCAL MERCHANT WHO IS WELL
KNOWN TO EMBASSY A COUNTERFEIT 100 DOLLAR BILL PASSED IN HIS
GABORONE STORE SOMETIME IN MARCH 1978 BY A YOUNG MAN THOUGHT
TO BE NIGERIAN AND WHO HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

2. BILL BEARS SERIAL NO. B00847633A, FEDERAL RESERVE
ORIGIN OF NEW YORK AND SIGNATURES OF DIVID M. KENNEDY AND
DOROTHY ANDREWS SLATEN (SIC). PAPER IS OF POOR, WORN AND
YELLOWING QUALITY AND ENGRAVING THIRD RATE. BILL TO BE
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT MAY 9.

3. EMBASSY RECEIVED BILL IN CONFIDENCE, ON UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE LOCAL MERCHANT IN QUESTION WOULD NOT BE NAMED NOR

MENTIONED TO BOTSWANA AUTHORITIES. CURRENCY LAWS HERE
(REQUIRING TIMELY SUBMISSION OF ALL FOREIGN CURRENCY TO
BANKS) AS WELL AS SOMETIMES TENUOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT AND ALIEN SHOPKEEPERS MAKES THE RECIPIENT'S
REQUEST FOR ANONYMITY UNDERSTANDABLE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST CASE WITHIN MEMORY OF
EMBASSY STAFF OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY SURFACING IN BOTSWANA.

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GIVEN APPARENT OLD AGE OF THE BILL AND FACT WE HAVE
HAD NO REPORTS OF OTHERS, WE BELIEVE ITS APPEARANCE
HERE UNIQUE AND DO NOT FEEL IT PRESAGES A WAVE OF
COUNTERFEIT BILLS IN BOTSWANA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION
AFTER RELEVANT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO

EXAMINE THE COUNTERFEIT NOTE: THAT EMBASSY BE INSTRUCTED
TO PASS DESCRIPTION OF NOTE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND BANKS
(BARCLAYS AND STANDARD) WITH SIMPLE ADDENDUM THAT USG HAS
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT NOTE OF THIS TYPE MAY BE CIRCULATING
IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN AREA.
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